PAPER-MAKING—TRAINING AT RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

247. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the two men trained in paper-making, are now engaged in places close to each other;

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to consider the advisability of transferring one of them to a more suitable centre, say the Industrial School at Ernakulam;

(*c*) what is being done with the paper now made at the Rural Development Centre;

(*d*) whether they have any intention of rendering any help to the students now undergoing training at the Centre, after the completion of their training at the end of Vrischigam;

(*e*) if so, will they inform this House as to what they are going to do in the matter;

(*f*) whether they have considered the possibility of introducing paper-making as a subsidised cottage industry?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes; one at the Rural Development Centre, Cherpu and the other at the Avinisseri Khadi Centre, Ollur;

(*b*) The question of transferring one of them shall be considered after watching the results of the working of the industry at the above two places for some time;

(*c*) They are being sold locally;

(*d*) Though no definite scheme has been formulated by Government for this purpose, any request for help from those who complete their training course shall be considered on the merits of each case;

(*e*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (*d*);

(*f*) The aim of Government is to render all possible help to this industry as in the case of other cottage industries.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കടലാസ് വ്യവസായ പരിശീലനം കഴിച്ച ആളുകൾ ഇന സെൻറിൽ ഇല്ലേ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: രണ്ടുമനാളുകൾ ഒടയിനിംഗ് കഴിച്ചവരുണ്ട്.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവരിൽ കുറച്ചെ കൊച്ചികണയന്തൂരിലേക്കു നിയമിച്ചാൽ പോരേ? അവിണിശ്ശേരിയിൽ നിന്നു് അയാളെ മാറണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: മാറണമെന്നില്ല.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government is purchasing hand-made paper?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As far as the Departments under me are concerned I suggested that the papers should be taken from them. But they are not manufactured on a large scale. They are making only envelopes and covers.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is the quality of this hand-made paper such that it will fetch a market outside?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is like parchment paper. It is very good for certain purposes, for example, for certificates.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is it fit for writing?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the quantity that they could make?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know what exactly a man engaged in this industry will get per day?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am rather diffident about it. It is impossible for this paper to compete with paper imported from outside. But if you make it a point, just like khadar, that you would purchase this paper then there will be a market.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* If the paper will find a market what will a man get?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* At least ten rupees a month.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Since the price of paper has gone high on account of the war, is this not a favourable time for the experiment?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the very reason why we made this suggestion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the capital required to carry on this cottage industry?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't think it will be more than Rs. 100 or Rs. 150.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Has all the paper manufactured so far been sold or is it kept in stock?.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't think there has been much to sell.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the encouragement that the Government gives to this industry?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We gave stipends to two pupils to go and train themselves. Now we are willing to give them grants and as far as possible all help.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* There was a proposition that paper can be made from husks.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it is possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* If it is possible it will be a very good and economic proposition.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It requires further study.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know the total quantity produced in the Centre?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have not got the information just now. I shall supply it later on.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ടെയിനിംഗ് കഴിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നവർ കടലാസ്സ് വ്യവസായം തുടങ്ങിയാൽ സർക്കാരിന്നു സഹായിക്കുമോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: സഹായിക്കും. ഗ്രാന്റായിട്ടോ, മറ്റു വല്ല തരത്തിലോ സഹായിക്കാൻ തയ്യാറാണ്. ടെയിനിംഗ് ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണം, പഠിച്ചിരിക്കണം, അതിനശേഷം അപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യണം. എന്നാൽ സഹായം ചെയ്യാൻ തയ്യാറാണ്.

MANDUMPAL MATHOO MATHAI—PETITION—ORDERS ON

248. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Hon'ble Minister has received any petition from Mandumpal Mathoo Mathai and others of Mangad village, Talappalli Taluk on the 27th Mithunam 1113;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the copy of the petition referred to above;

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